

## Weekly Weather Crop Report

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According to the Mississippi Agricultural Statistics Service, there were 6.5 days suitable for fieldwork for the **week ending November 9, 2003**. Although the dry weather has been beneficial for the final harvesting effort, many areas of the State are in need of adequate rainfall to boost soil moisture for ryegrass pastures and fall seedings. Soil moisture was rated 8 percent very short, 39 percent short, 50 percent adequate and 3 percent surplus.

Progress In Percentages						Conditions in Percentages				
Item	Event	This Week	Last Week	2002	5-Yr Avg	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Cotton	Harvested	97	92	64	91	--	--	--	--	--
Soybeans	Harvested	99	97	81	94	--	--	--	--	--
Wheat	Planted	90	85	40	74	0	1	34	49	16
	Emerged	78	68	24	47					
Sweetpotatoes	Harvested	99	96	94	97	--	--	--	--	--
Cattle						2	8	29	54	7
Pasture						7	20	35	33	5

### County Agent Comments

"All crops are out of the field and growers are preparing ground for next year's growing season."

— Don Respass, Bolivar

"There has been a lot of fall fieldwork behind the harvest machines. We will have a running start this spring barring any weather disasters this winter. Cattlemen are preparing for overwintering their herds, and lately prices have been good for them. All you hear these days from most of the producers is something concerning harvesting wild game of some sort."

— Jimbo Burkhalter, Tallahatchie

"We still have some soybeans and cotton to harvest. Yields have been excellent in most fields."

— Melvin Oatis, Benton

"Except for scraping, we are about through with cotton harvest. Yields are running in the 900-pound range. Wheat is shooting out of the ground. We could not have asked for a better fall!"

— Stephen R. Winters, Grenada

"We need a good soaking rain. Ryegrass is responding to recent rain showers, but we need more. Cotton harvest is almost complete."

— Lee Taylor, Forrest

"We need rain. Ryegrass is hurting for moisture!"

— Tommy Bishop, Jasper

"There is some limited grazing on ryegrass. We still need some rain to keep adequate soil moisture. Overall, things are in good shape."

— Chuck Grantham, Jones

“All summer crops have been harvested with the exception of some very late hay. Some areas of the county have not received any of the scattered showers in the past couple of weeks and are drying out. Winter grazing is not suffering from lack of rain yet, but another week without rain may cause a little stress in some areas of the county.”

— Victor Lee, Newton

“Rainfall, though minimal this week, provided much needed moisture for pastures, ryegrass and winter wheat as well as fall horticultural crops. If rainfall predictions for the weekend hold true, producers will begin to see tremendous results by the end of next week.”

— Florieda K. Mason, Perry

“If we get to stay in the field through Wednesday, we will be finished with our harvest. I think most producers are ready for a rain so they can quit spending money.”

— Mack Young, Quitman

“We are still dry. We continue to need appreciable rainfall. Some ryegrass pastures may be near the point of having to be replanted due to lack of soil moisture. Hay feeding is increasing to compensate for lack of grazing.”

— Lamar Adams, Walthall

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Weather Summary from November 3, 2003 to November 9, 2003 for Mississippi

District/Station	Air Temperature					Precipitation				4 Inch Soil Temperature			Avg Pan Evap
	Max	Min	Avg	Norm	DFN	One Week	DFN	Rain Days	Four Weeks	Max	Min	Avg	
1. Upper Delta													
Charleston				55		0.00	-1.22	0	0.60				
Cleveland	83	45	59	56	+3	0.00	-1.21	0	0.79				
Tunica				55		0.32	-0.84	4	1.00				0.01
Extreme/Average	83	45	59	57	+2	0.11	-0.99	1	0.80				0.01
2. North-Central													
Batesville				54		0.00	-1.18	0	0.38				
Calhoun City	81	43	63	55	+8	0.00	-0.98	0	2.96				
Independence	82	37	58	54	+4	0.10	-0.92	1	1.01				
Oxford	85	38	61	54	+7	0.00	-1.15	0	0.74				
Extreme/Average	85	37	61	55	+6	0.03	-1.09	0	1.27				
3. Northeast													
Booneville	80	42	61	54	+7	0.00	-1.14	0	2.75				
Corinth City	84	39	59	56	+3	0.58	-0.60	2	2.99				
Iuka	83	36	58	52	+6	0.00	-1.16	0	1.63				
Ripley	80	37	58	52	+6	0.81	-0.36	1	3.18				
Tupelo	83	41	64			0.00		0	3.34				
Verona				55		0.00	-0.95	0	3.29				
Extreme/Average	84	36	60	55	+5	0.28	-0.79	1	2.78				
4. Lower Delta													
Belzoni	82	49	66	57	+9	0.00	-1.15	0	0.80	85	65	75	
Rolling Fork	86	49	65	57	+8	0.00	-1.07	0	1.14	79	62	71	
Stoneville	84	47	67	57	+10	0.00	-1.10	0	2.39	80	6	65	
Yazoo City	84	48	64	58	+6	0.00	-1.13	0	1.04				
Extreme/Average	86	47	65	58	+7	0.00	-1.09	0	1.34	85	6	70	
5. Central													
Canton	84	44	64	58	+6	0.00	-1.16	0	0.67				
Carthage	84	46	63	57	+6	0.00	-1.13	0	1.28				
Lexington	83	45	63	56	+7	0.00	-1.16	0	0.85				
Eupora	83	41	62	55	+7	0.00	-1.09	0	1.39				
Extreme/Average	84	41	63	57	+6	0.00	-1.01	0	1.05				
6. East-Central													
Aberdeen	84	46	64	55	+9	0.02	-1.01	1	1.58				
Houston	83	43	62	54	+8	0.00	-1.07	0	1.54				
Louisville	81	43	65	56	+9	0.00	-1.05	0	1.04				
State University	83	44	63	56	+7	0.09	-0.92	1	1.77	71	61	66	0.07
Extreme/Average	84	43	63	57	+6	0.03	-0.92	1	1.48	71	61	66	0.07
7. Southwest													
Crystal Springs	85	49	69	60	+9	0.00	-0.94	0	0.72	82	66	74	
Natchez	83	51	65	60	+5	0.00	-1.19	0	1.21				
Oakley	88	49	67	57	+10	0.00	-1.12	0	0.51	75	66	71	
Vicksburg	85	51	65			0.00		0	0.74				
Extreme/Average	88	49	67	60	+7	0.00	-1.00	0	0.80	82	66	73	
8. South-Central													
Collins	83	51	68	58	+10	0.26	-0.79	1	1.33				
Columbia				59		0.02	-1.02	1	1.08				
Tylertown	85	53	69	61	+8	0.00	-1.07	0	2.01				
Extreme/Average	85	51	68	60	+8	0.09	-0.82	1	1.47				
9. Southeast													
Beaumont	87	48	68			0.26		2	2.41				
Hattiesburg	85	50	68	60	+8	0.01	-1.15	1	0.64				
Laurel	84	50	68	58	+10	0.31	-0.73	2	1.22				
Newton	84	44	65	56	+9	0.63	-0.49	2	1.38	73	60	66	0.10
Extreme/Average	87	44	67	59	+8	0.30	-0.61	2	1.41	73	60	66	0.10
10. Coastal													
Bay St Louis	88	52	72	62	+10	0.00	-1.13	0	0.05				
Gulfport	84	56	71	63	+8	0.09	-0.90	1	0.22				
Pascagoula				62		0.05	-1.09	1	0.39				
Poplarville				61					0.00				
Waveland	85	55	72	61	+11	0.10	-0.99	1	0.22				
Extreme/Average	88	52	72	63	+9	0.06	-0.79	1	0.22				
State	88	36	65	58	+7	0.09	-0.90	1	1.25	85	6	69	0.07

DFN = Departure from Normal.